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Notice: More than one reissue application has been filed for the reissue of Patent No. 4,861,711. The reissue applications are application number 08/544,579, filed October 18, 1995, now U.S. Reissue Patent No. RE37,437 E, and 09/820,974 (the present application), a continuation of 08/544,579.

### REMARKS

The amendment to the specification merely provides notice of a related reissue application and correctly identifies this application as a continuation application of Application No. 08/544,579. The amendment adds no new matter.

Claims 35 to 42, 45 to 51, 53, 54, 56, and 57 are under consideration in the application.

### Surrender of Patent

The Examiner notes that the original patent, or a statement as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent must be received before this reissue application can be allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.178. See Office Action p. 2, item 1. Applicants note that the original patent was previously surrendered during the prosecution of the parent application 08/544,579, now U.S. Reissue Patent RE37,437 E. Specifically, Applicants surrendered the original patent on May 8, 2000 in that case. Consequently, the original patent has been surrendered.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicants assert that pending claims 35 to 42, 45 to 51, 53, 54, 56, and 57 are allowable and request a timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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